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Sent: Fri 5/12/2017 9:42:18 PM
Subject: ETHICS QUESTIONS for EPA Administrator's Attendance at Boys & Girls Club Event
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Hi Mark,

I provide ethics advice to EPA Administrator Pruitt, and I have a few nosy questions I need to ask before his Scheduling Office can get back to you.

You mention that this is a fundraiser. Is the Boys and Girls Club selling “tickets” to the event? If so, what are the ticket prices/scheme? If there is no pricing, how is the host raising funds?

Are there any obligations of the host’s special guests? Does the host expect them to have any active or visible role in the promotion, production, or presentation of the event such as standing in a reception line, speaking (e.g., mc’ing)?

If there is no ticketing for the event, would you please provide a cost estimate/person of the expenses your firm incurred to sponsor the event? Please follow the [guidelines](#) in this advisory from the Office of Government Ethics (see first full paragraph on page 3).

I need confirmation that you are authorized by the Boys & Girls Club to extend this invitation upon its behalf and that the invitation is indeed from the host of the event. The invitation attachment appears that way; however, because you are a federally registered lobbyist (the law firm) and the President’s Ethics Pledge prohibits political appointees from receiving gifts from lobbyists, I need to be sure that the host of the organization is actually issuing the invitation, not the underwriter of the event.

Thank you for entertaining my questions!

Sincerely,

Jennie for EPA Ethics

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Subject: Boys & Girls Club Event

Dear Sydney,

I hope all is well. I have attached an invitation from the Boys & Girls Club inviting Administrator Pruitt to attend a fundraiser at the Washington Nationals' game on May 24 as an honored guest. Our law firm is a long-time supporter of the Boys & Girls Club, which does great work for the children of the Washington area. Please let me know if Mr. Pruitt will be able to attend or if you need additional information.

Best regards,

Mark

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